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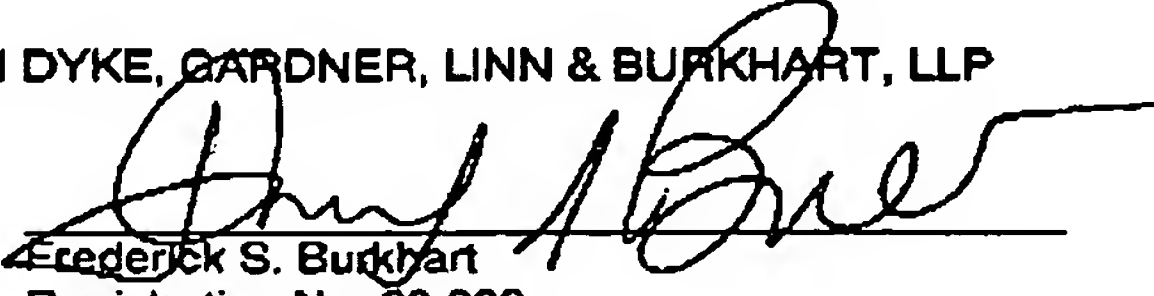
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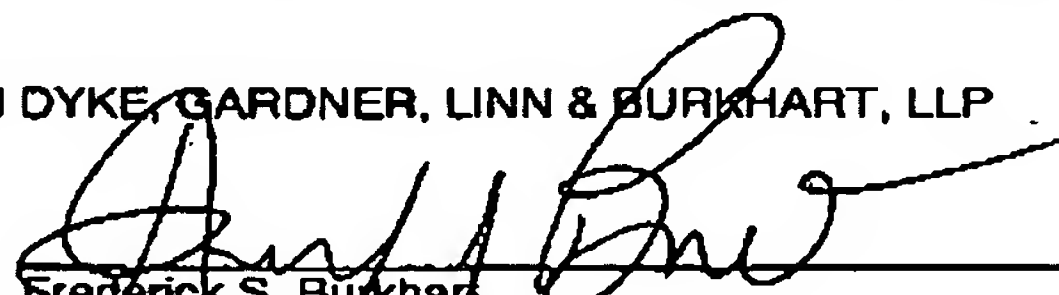
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2006, in the above-identified matter. The Office Action was designated a "Final Rejection." Claims 1 and 28-59 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 4, 5, 10, 12-14 and 17 have been amended and new claims 60 and 61 added. Please consider the amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.